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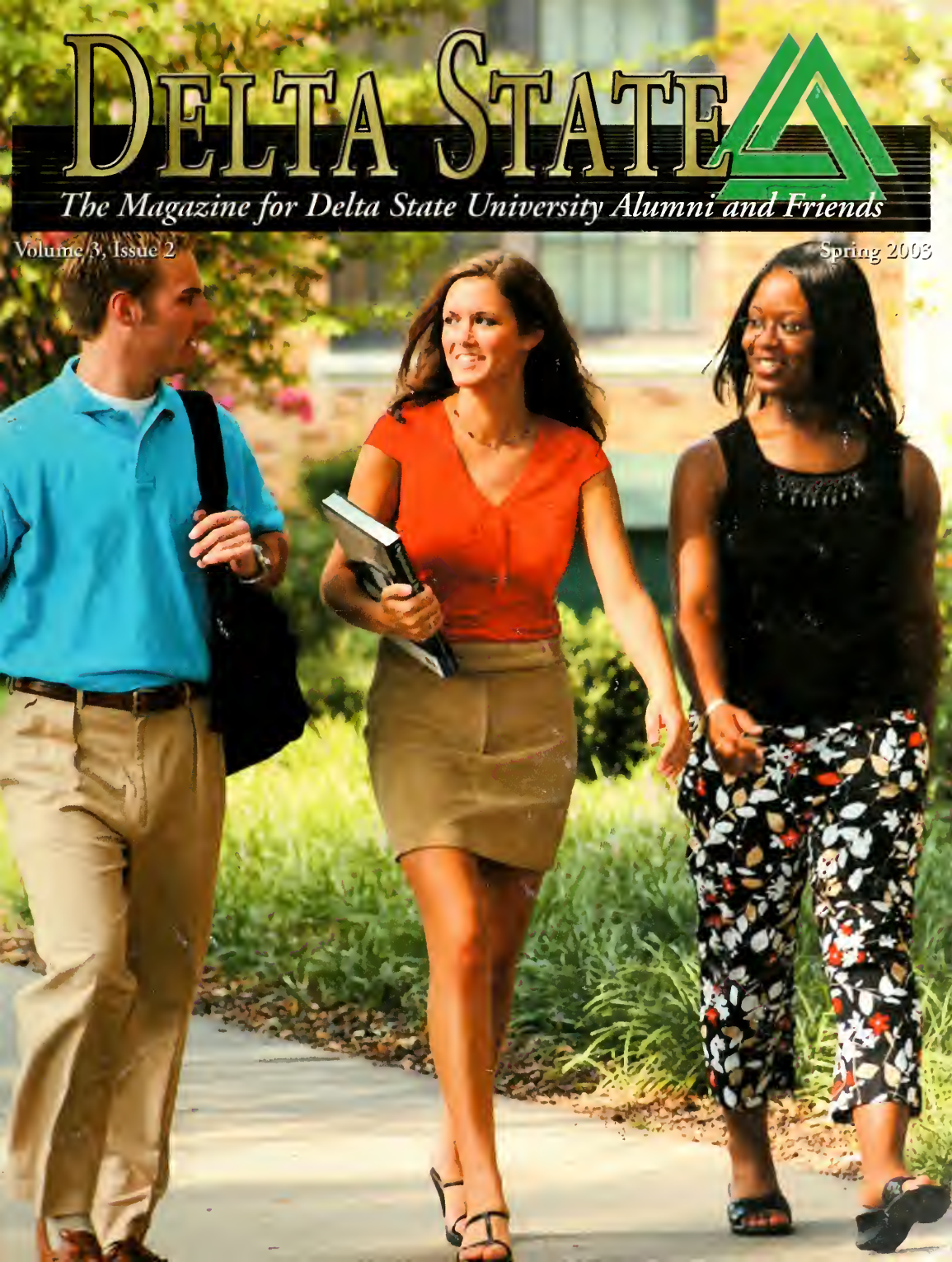

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ON THE COVER: *Students from left: John Polles (Brandon), Shelby Hall (Greenville) and Jessica Johnson (Summit) visit while walking to class.*

Winners of the State 5.0 Combo Tennis Championships in Jackson who advanced in the sectional tournament in Rome, Georgia, were all DSU graduates. Front Row (L to R) Kellie Cutts, Christy Burchfield, Tracey Stallings, Cole Loper. Back Row (L to R) Lori Verhage, Betsy Aguzzi, Lauren Jackson, Renae Jones, Shaneca Roberts. ***FOR MORE SPORTS SEE PAGES 20-22.***

President's message

Dr. David Potter

It is with severely mixed emotions that I conclude my last commentary to you as president of Delta State. The board's call to become Commissioner of Higher Education was one I felt obliged to accept. The confidence they placed in me, and the honor accorded me, were powerful incentives. The opportunity to try to make a difference on behalf of all our institutions of higher learning is compelling. These are challenging times for our system, compounded by financial difficulties in the state over the last several years. We have lost and continue to lose good people, including the current commissioner. Those of us who remain have a responsibility to do whatever we can to turn this situation around and to secure a brighter future for our institutions, our students and our alumni.

Dr. Potter, Pam Mathews, and Nevin Sledge visit.

We do see signs of hope. Thanks in part to the work of the Inter-Alumni Council, the legislature and executive officials recognize our plight and are working hard during this legislative session to reverse the decline of state support for higher education. Our voices, including yours, are being heard, and our persistent articulation of concerns has had an impact on politicians. I urge each of you, and the Council, to continue to keep our case in front of these officials, so that they will know the urgency and determination we share.

Mixed with the enthusiasm I have for taking on the responsibility of commissioner is the deep regret I feel at having to leave the presidency of Delta State. This presidency is a wonderful job, a privilege. One could not ask for more than to serve an institution with dedicated faculty and staff, enjoyable students, and strong alumni and community support. More than that, this is a place rich with tradition, with energy and vitality, and with caring people who live by humane values. Pam and I have been the beneficiaries of this caring and humanity in ways that have deeply affected us personally and professionally. Delta State and Cleveland have a permanent place in our hearts and our souls. The friendships we have developed here will be ours for a lifetime. We will now count ourselves "alumni" and, in doing so, share many of the feelings you no doubt have for this University.

We pledge to work with the board to secure strong and dedicated new leadership for this University. We will seek a person who understands and appreciates the heritage we share, who is capable and committed to carry forward the work we have begun to enhance the university's future, and who will work collaboratively with all our constituencies to fulfill the spirit of Delta State.

Pam and I thank you all for your support and encouragement during our too brief time here.

David Potter

Dr. David Potter
President

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MOORE NOMINATED FOR TWO STAR GENERAL

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recently announced that the President of the United States has nominated former Delta State graduate, Marine Corps Brig. General Thomas L. Moore, Jr., for appointment to the rank of Major General.

Brig. Gen. Moore serves as the principal advisor to the commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), Norfolk, Va. on all operational matters that affect the command, and control of assigned U.S. military forces worldwide. He and his staff direct, plan, coordinate, schedule, and control the joint operations and inter-theater deployments of all USJFCOM forces.

Moore's directorate serves as the command nerve center for providing joint force support. They work closely with other unified commanders to ensure appropriate forces are ready to respond anytime, anywhere in the world. The directorate coordinates forces for combat and peacekeeping operations, humanitarian assistance and also U.S. military support to civil authorities and domestic disaster response like wildfire control.

Moore completed Marine Officer Candidate School in 1973 and was designated a naval aviator in 1975. A career helicopter pilot, Brig. Gen. Moore has been deployed eight times, including to the Persian Gulf for Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where he flew combat operations in and around the Kuwaiti theater.

He also has served in a variety of command positions, including commanding officer of more than 2,000 Marines and sailors of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Pendleton, California.

Brig. Gen. Moore, a native of Scott, and a 1982 graduate, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1973 after attending Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. He graduated from Armed Forces Staff College in 1985 and Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, in 1994. In 1996, he received his master's degree in human resources management from Troy State University.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal and the Navy

Abney to head UPS international

Ronald G. Wallace, a long-time executive of UPS, has announced his retirement and will be succeeded by David P. Abney, who has helped guide the evolution of UPS's global supply chain management business. Abney, a 1976 graduate, began his new position on January 1, 2003. In leading International package operations, he will join UPS's Management Committee, which includes the company's 11 most senior executives.

Abney has helped implement new business lines that UPS considers the foundation for its future growth. In 1999, he assumed responsibility for UPS SonicAir, the same-day delivery arm of UPS. Following that, Abney launched UPS's Service Parts Logistics, the unit that designs and manages urgent parts network and return-and-repair operations for customers worldwide. In 2001, Abney oversaw the integration of UPS's largest acquisition of recent years, the Fritz Companies, which has extensive operations in Asia, Europe, and Latin America. He has since played a major role in operating UPS Supply Chain Solutions.

Abney began his UPS career in 1974 as a part-time employee loading and unloading packages in Mississippi. He rose through the ranks in a variety of operational posts, serving as a division manager in New Jersey and district manager in Utah.

Abney has served on the Board of Directors of the Air Couriers Conference of America (ACCA), including a term as co-chairman, and also as the chairman of the Airline Liaison Committee. He currently sits on the board of Cargo Network Services (CNS), a subsidiary of the International Air Transport Association.

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DSU Provost named interim President

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. John G. Thornell, was recently named Interim President of DSU, by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

In making the recommendation to the Board to name Dr. Thornell Interim President, Commissioner of Higher Education, Tom Layzell, described his qualifications, "Dr. Thornell is eminently qualified for the Interim Presidency at DSU. His distinguished career in higher education, especially his administrative experience, will serve him very well at DSU. He will be a strong leader for DSU during this transition," said Layzell. Bryce Griffis, President of the Board, announced the Board's decision to appoint Dr. Thornell: "The Board is very proud to name Dr. John G. Thornell as Interim President at DSU. He brings outstanding experience and credibility to the position. We look forward to working with him," said Griffis.

In accepting the position, Dr. Thornell said, "I am honored and delighted to serve as Interim President of DSU. Education is very important to our citizenry, especially in the Delta. My experience at DSU has served me very well professionally and personally. I welcome the challenge this opportunity presents for service to our state," said Thornell.

Dr. Thornell is a native of Cleveland. He earned a baccalaureate degree in education from DSU in 1969 and taught in the public schools of Greenville, for three years, also earning a Master's degree in Educational Administration from DSU during that time. He completed a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas in 1974 and accepted a faculty appointment at DSU in 1975. In

Thornell

1979, he was appointed Director of Institutional Research. In that position he had responsibility for institutional effectiveness, grants, faculty development and faculty research, as well as institutional research.

He spent the summer of 1983 doing postdoctoral work in higher education administration at the University of Michigan. In 1986, he was awarded a Kellogg Fellowship, a program of leadership study and self-development. As part of that fellowship he studied the history and politics of the Soviet Union, traveling there twice for study and also completing a Master's degree in history at Delta State. In 1989, he was named Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at Delta State. In the summer of 1992, he did additional study in Asian history at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He directed a study tour of Japan in 1993 and transferred his faculty appointment to history.

In 1999, he was promoted to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. In that position he was responsible for academic policy development and campus-wide initiatives which supported an expansion of the University's mission, including collaboration with state and federal agencies, business and industry, and other colleges and universities. He was named Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2001 and Provost in 2002.

While at Delta State he has received several awards: Most recently he was named educator of the year for Delta State by the Mississippi Humanities Council. He also has authored or co-authored over $3 million in grants. His publication record includes over forty articles, book chapters, and professional papers. His current research interests relate to historical studies of the Mississippi Delta, most notably the ethnic groups of the Delta. He also recently completed an oral history of the Chinese in the Delta funded by the Mississippi Humanities Council as well as articles on educational and legal issues facing the early Chinese. He has an active record of community and professional service,having served in a leadership role in numerous organizations. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Humanities Council and the Mississippi University Press. Dr. Thornell and his wife, Nita, live in Cleveland and have one daughter, Abby, who lives in Orlando, Florida.

JoLynn Harris, a senior from Greenwood, takes a moment to speak with politician Haley Barbour.

Barbour speaks at Madison Center

Haley Barbour, former Chairman of the National Republican Committee and a Yazoo City native, was guest speaker for the Madison Center last semester.

Barbour spoke to students, faculty, and staff on various government issues. Barbour stressed the need for citizens to participate in the process of voting because the decisions made by our elected officials directly impact all our lives.

Health Center receives award

Black vaccinaes Kashanta Murphy a student from Rosedale.

Bevaline Black, RN, CFNP, has made it her mission within the last few years to prevent meningococcal meningitis from striking the campus. The O.W. Reily Student Health Center began advocating the vaccinations last year and 207 students were vaccinated.

Black, the director of the student health center, and her staff work closely with many outside health agencies. The staff's dedication was recently recognized by a leading pharmaceutical company which awarded them the Aventis Pasteur Customer Appreciation Award.

The Aventis Pasteur award is based on a school's commitment to encouraging immunizations and awareness among college campuses. According to Eric Ignatin, college health specialist, "This award was strictly based upon all the work that the student's health center has completed and their approach to increasing awareness among both parents and students. Delta State was chosen this year based on their work increasing awareness for Meningococcal Meningitis on the campus an informing parents and students about the risks of the campus and informing parents and students about the risks of the disease." Delta State was one of five colleges in the South to receive such an honor.

Barnwell and Black author book

Barnwell and Carr

Marion Barnwell, assistant professor of English, and Patti Carr Black, former director of the Old Capitol Museum, are authors of a new book entitled *Touring Literary Mississippi*. With this new literary work as a guide, a traveler can take seven different driving tours to more than 270 literary sites: the Delta, Highway 61, I-55, Yoknapatawpha, Natchez Trace, East and South Mississippi, and the Gulf Coast.

Included in the book are maps, photographs of authors' birthplaces, and literary sites.

Anderson named Bursar

Staci Anderson, of Cleveland, has joined the university staff as the new Bursar. Staci comes with eleven years of experience in state government, where she worked in various roles, including fiscal manager, with the Mississippi Division of Medicaid. "Staci's experience provides her with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform the role of Bursar both professionally and successfully," said Billy Morehead, Vice President for Finance.

Staci received her Bachelor's in Business Administration in 1991 and Master's Degree in Business Administration in 1996 from Delta State.

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Turner, Hodges elected Mr. & Mrs. DSU

Jim Turner, a senior real estate major from Money, and Lacy Hodges, a senior marketing major of Grenada, were recently elected Mr. and Miss DSU. Turner and Hodges were chosen by students in elections sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Executive MBA program offered

According to a study conducted by the Graduate Management Admissions Council, MBA graduates can receive up to 56% increase in salary. As a result, many MBA programs have received an increase in applications.

Delta State is no exception. The fall semester saw a 16% increase in graduate school admissions. In response, the university has been working to keep up with this recent trend.

However, while pursuing an advanced degree may seem like a perfect solution for many, finding the time to devote to graduate classes may be a problem.

Delta State is now recruiting prospective students for their Executive MBA program, a course of study designed for working business men and women who are interested in attaining an advanced degree. "This course of study is set up for a person who has a job and does not have time to be the traditional graduate student," said Paul Bouler, coordinator for the university at the Greenville Higher Education Center. "The classes are set up on the weekends so as to not disrupt work schedules."

The EMBA's nontraditional class format is designed to fit into a participant's lifestyle. Classes meet on alternating weekends from 6-10 p.m. on Fridays and 8 a.m.–1 p.m. on Saturdays at the Greenville Higher Education Center.

The program can be completed in 2-3 years, depending on the amount of preliminary foundation classes needed.

House named Dean of Education

Lynn J. House, Ph.D., has been named Dean of Education. "We are delighted that Dr. House has accepted our offer to become the next dean of our College of Education. She brings with her a remarkable record of experience and achievement," said Dr. David Potter, president of Delta State. "We believe Dr. House will be a worthy successor to Dean Caston, and she will uphold the high standards of accomplishment for which our college is renowned."

Dr. House received her Ph.D. in Administration and Supervision from the University of Mississippi in 1993, a M.A. in Reading Education from Furman University in 1976, and a B.A. in English Education from the University of New Orleans in 1974.

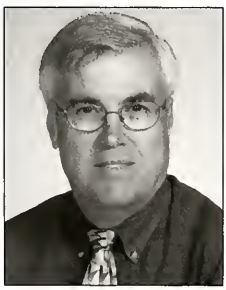
She brings with her a vast knowledge of educational experiences. These experiences include two years as Bureau Director for the Office of Innovative Support with the Mississippi Department of Education. She has been an Associate Professor for Barry University in Miami, Florida, and Delta State, as well as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Mississippi. She has also served as a central office coordinator, principal and teacher in Mississippi's public schools and as Coordinator of Academic Affairs at the Mississippi School of Mathematics and Science in Columbus.

In addition, Dr. House was selected as one of two IHL representatives to serve on the Mississippi Task Force for Administrator Preparation and Certification. She has worked as a consultant with several school districts on curriculum development/integration and technology infusion. Dr. House has served as a trained assessor for the NASSP Principals Assessment Center and the Mississippi Principals Development Center and has conducted over 200 workshops for professional organizations and school districts on various topics.

She has been granted certification in Elementary K-8, Reading K-12, English 7-12, Supervision K-12, Administration K-12, and Library Science. Dr. House is a member of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Kappa Delta Phi, Phi Delta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi.

Stephen Taylor, junior finance and education major from Greenville, recently donated an "Enduring Freedom" flag rug to Dr. David Potter in remembrance of the victims of September 11.

Dallas named Educator of the Year



Dr. Jerry Dallas, professor of history since 1970, has earned the distinction of being the Mississippi Humanities Council Humanities Educator of the Year. This annual award is presented to an educator from each institution of higher learning in the state of Mississippi.

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Belle Clark Bed and Breakfast opens

The founder of Clarksdale, John Clark, and his wife Eliza, built an elegant mansion near the Sunflower River in Clarksdale in 1859. Now, the house has been bought and restored to its original elegance by Billy Strohm, a 1963 graduate and his wife, Lillie.

The Strohms are longtime Delta residents and local owners of Gator Mills, Inc., a sporting goods apparel company. They became interested in preserving Clarksdale's heritage by buying the house when it came on the market. The restoration project has taken 15 months and the Strohms have overseen all the work on the house. Mrs. Strohm explained, "The work began by leveling the foundation and there is not a single board on the house that has not been reworked."

Clarksdale has many tourist attractions and events such as the Delta Blues Museum, Hopson Plantation Commissary, and the annual Tennessee Williams Festival, but lacked accommodations that the six bedroom Belle Clark Bed and Breakfast will now provide.

Go to www.clarksdale.com/belleclark for further information.

(Above) Delta Delta Delta members celebrate 40th anniversary–From left, Norma Vance Cooper, a 1965 graduate from Boyle, Mandy Cooper Morse, a 1991 graduate from Cordova, Tenn., and Virginia Carpenter Foley, a 1965 graduate from Cleveland, look through a scrapbook of sorority photos on display at the 40th birthday celebration of the Phi Chapter of Delta Delta Delta. The two-day event was held on campus in November.

McCaslin nominated for Pulitzer

Dr. Richard B. McCaslin, professor of history at High Point University, in High Point, North Carolina, has been nominated the Pulitzer Prize for his book, *Lee in the Shadow of Washington.*

McCaslin

In this book, McCaslin elaborates his thesis that George Washington served as Robert E. Lee's model for every important decision Lee made in life.

"When faced with crucial decisions, such as the secession crisis, Lee looked to the example of Washington for guidance," McCaslin said. "It was the great disappointment of his life when he failed as a revolutionary commander."

McCaslin is a Civil War specialist and author of 12 books, including *Tainted Breeze: The Great Hanging at Gainsville, Texas, October 1862,* a selection of the History Book Club and winner of the Tullis Prize from the Texas State Historical Association.

McCaslin earned a bachelor's degree from Delta State in 1982, a master's degree at Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. at the University of Texas. He joined the High Point University faculty in 1990.

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Johnston takes over as president of alumni board

Arthur S. Johnston, III, became president of the Alumni Board of Directors at the Homecoming luncheon in October, 2002. He is currently a senior policy analyst with the Regional Educational Laboratory at SERVE housed in the Mississippi Department of Education and is an advisor to Mississippi's State Superintendent of Education. Johnston is a former shareholder and director in the Jackson law firm of Daniel Coker Horton & Bell, P.A. As a litigator, he concentrated his practice in the area of personal injury, insurance bad faith and worker's compensation defense.

Johnston graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1993, where he served as an Associate Editor of the *Mississippi Law Journal.* Johnston is also a 1989 graduate of Delta State, where he majored in political science. While at DSU, he served as SGA President, was elected Mr. DSU, and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Kappa Alpha Order.

He is presently a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, the Hinds County Bar Association, and sits on the Board of Directors of the Assisi Early Learning Center and the R.E.A.L. Christian Foundation, Inc. He also works as a volunteer with Stewpot Community Services of Jackson.

In 1997, Johnston received the Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award, and he is currently serving as co-chairman, with Dr. Kent Wyatt, of the DSU's Foundation's Task Force on Planned Giving.

Johnston is married to the former Beverly Bowman of Brookhaven, and he is the father of two daughters, Abby Elizabeth, and Anna Bowman. Beverly currently serves as the Principal of Madison Station Elementary School.

Jernberg named Foundation president

Peter Jernberg, a 1965 graduate of Delta State, has been named President of the University's Foundation Board of Directors. Jernberg, a native of Greenwood and graduate of West Tallahatchie High School, has served as Headmaster of Jackson Academy since 1988 and previously worked at Indianola Academy from 1967 until 1988, serving as headmaster from 1979 to 1988. He is married to the former Patricia Anne Wolfe, of Tutwiler, a 1968 graduate.

Jernberg earned his B.A. degree from Delta State in 1965, an M.S.E. in 1967, and his AA and AAA Certification in Secondary Administration in 1970 and 1973, respectively. He has completed additional graduate work at the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, and the University of South Carolina.

"I am honored to accept the presidency of the Delta State Foundation Board of Directors. The Delta State University experience–academically, culturally, and socially–has had a profound influence in both my personal and professional career," said Jernberg. "I will forever be indebted to the faculty and staff who not only reflected excellence as they taught meaningful subject matter, but were also encouragers, nurturers, and inspirers of their students' hearts and souls." Jernberg will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of private funding undertaken by the Delta State University Foundation, Inc.

The Delta State University Foundation was formed in 1967 under the leadership of Dave "Boo" Ferriss and at the request of then–president James Ewing. Assets under management of the Foundation have grown from $1.6 million in 1990 to $9 million in 2002.

Training like the pros

The DSU aviation program is well known throughout the region. The well-structured program offers students the competitive edge they need to land their career on the right path. A recent donation, made by an alumnus of the university, offers students the opportunity to perfect their pre-flight skills of flying a 727 aircraft.

Chuck Booth, a captain and fleet manager of American Airlines, gave the Commercial Aviation Department a 727 procedures trainer. Tommy Sledge, Chair of the Aviation Department says, "Students will use the trainer to run pre-flight checklists." Sledge says the first few runs can be time consuming and generally take a half hour; however once a pilot works with the trainer the time reduces to five minutes. The actual trainer is made of wood with pictures of the instrument panel. "It is set up just like the cabin of the 727," says Sledge. Running through the checklist helps the student to be familiar with what they will actually encounter if they fly the aircraft.

(Front from left) Emary Booth, Philip Booth (Back from left) Tommy Sledge and Chuck Booth

Having the procedures trainer on campus provides students with the same training experiences required from major airlines. According to Sledge, "When a student can show proficiency based on the opportunities offered during their undergraduate experience, it gives them a leg up on the competition."

Booth graduated from Delta State in 1978. He says his experiences at Delta State led to an exciting aviation career, "Our professors set high standards for us." Booth says those great expectations allowed him to achieve new heights in the U.S. Navy in the Aviation Officer Candidate School program. During his tour of duty, Booth trained and checked crewmembers in the simulator and during normal line flights. Those skills took him to American Airlines as a member of their Flight Training Department.

According to Booth, the newest addition to DSU's Aviation Department was built in the early 1970's and was used by American to train crewmembers during Transition and Recurrent training. It is estimated that eight to ten thousand pilots and flight engineers have been trained on the procedures trainer. "Adding this trainer to our curriculum means DSU pilots are receiving the same instruction as those already in the workforce."

The 1950's & 1960's DSU Graduates will have a reunion weekend at J.P. Coleman State Park in Iuka, Mississippi August 7-10, 2003. For more information call Wayne Lee, Jr. at (662) 843-9900 (Home) or (662) 846-4560 (Work) or email to walee@deltastate.edu

New Life Members

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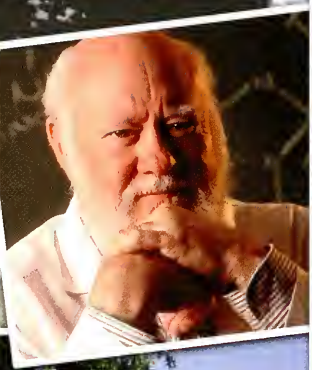

By Robert H. Smith

All colleges and universities recruit potential students with extravagant brochures, elaborate websites, and catchy TV and radio advertising. Delta State, however, goes beyond the usual marketing techniques and delivers unique services to the students who enroll here.

Loyal alumni always make every effort to educate potential students about unusual services and conditions at DSU, such as the low student/faculty ratio, the small classes which are never taught by graduate assistants, the state of the art physical facilities, the diverse student organizations, and the friendly atmosphere. In addition, however, prospective students need to be aware of certain services that set DSU apart from the conditions found on many campuses.

Former graduates of DSU are high in their praise for their alma mater. "When I got here I didn't anticipate falling in love with it like I did," says Kristi Pantin, who is back for a master's degree. Pantin, who grew up in Texas, recalls being "scared to death of college in general" when she picked Delta State as the place where she would do undergraduate study. Now, when she's not hauling home a pack full of books, she works as a DSU enrollment counselor, helping to recruit students to DSU.

Pantin feels that easy access to faculty members at Delta State has made the learning process less daunting. As a

small regional university, Delta State is the rare sort of place in publish-or-perish higher education where professors, rather than graduate assistants, still teach introductory courses.

Jermaine Ross, a senior math education major from Grenada, voiced a similar appreciation of the personal attention DSU faculty give their students.

Ross, who transferred to Delta State from Holmes Community College, says Delta State's small size helps give it an everyone-knows-everyone-else feel.

That everyday friendliness and supportiveness also flavors the way Delta State offers campus services such as health care. Nurse-practitioner Bevaline Black, director of the O.W. Reily Health Center, is nearly certain to greet you with a smile and a kind remark, and may hug you if she knows you. Black explains that staff members at the Health Center provide effective care for acute illnesses and minor injuries.

The Health Center offers physicans care five days a week, and nursing care 24 hours a day, seven days a week–the only university clinic in Mississippi to do so. "If a student needs crutches, he or she can simply sign them out rather than having to buy them," Black adds that many university clinics now sell crutches rather than lending them.

Other attractive features of the care offered at the Reily Health Center are that the facility maintains 16 beds for students who may need to remain at the facility and the onsite counseling services available in the same building under the direction of Dr. Richard Houston.

Delta State offers another economical, premium service on campus: a laundry that cleans around 250 shirts and 200 pairs of pants each day. The cost of this service is included in fees that full-time, dormitory students pay. Thus, students staying on campus need not shell out additional cash to do laundry. In addition to offering quality services, the staff of the laundry demonstrate great school spirit.

"I bleed Delta State green and white," says Nealy Robinson, a 17-year Delta State employee and retired volunteer fireman who has directed laundry services since 1998. Robinson also paints logos and numbers on the university gridiron during football season, and takes pleasure in explaining how the university laundry cares for uniforms and other clothing worn by the school's athletes. He's quick to praise his staff members for their hard work –even in the punishing, humid temperatures of Mississippi Delta summers –and he's impressed by the way they honestly make sure students get back anything they leave in the pockets of the clothes.

More than all of this, though, Robinson is a satisfied customer who keeps a picture in his office of his son, Justin "Fish" Robinson, who was Student Government President several years ago at Delta State and is now in the ministry.

Delta State's uniqueness has spread beyond the area. Increasingly, the university is host to students from countries around the world – Turkey, South Africa, Nigeria, and the republics of the former Soviet Union, just to name a few.

Adetokunbo Adedoyin, a math major from Nigeria who plans to become an engineer, is one such student. "Toks," as he is known to friends, says he values Delta State because of its location in a small town. "There are fewer distractions from study here than in large metropolitan areas," he says. Having grown up in an insensitive urban environment, "Toks" observes that Mississippians are quite friendly – so friendly he had to adjust to it.

For some Delta State students, the school's friendly social climate may lead a permanent attachment. Dr. Wayne Blansett, Vice President for Student Affairs, is a good example. A native of Houston, Mississippi, Blansett enrolled at Delta State in 1969, and is now in his 28th year as an employee of the university.

"I didn't know anything about what to expect," Blansett says, recalling his initial exposure to DSU, "but I found that friendliness was not just a sales pitch."

Today, as an administrator, Blansett says he sees the university as an institution with distinct missions, among them improving the quality of life for Delta residents and graduating students.

The bottom line, though, is that Delta State University can still offer education at a bargain price with a personal touch.

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Planned Giving Seminar held in Memphis

Windall Lancaster, '77, owner of Lancaster Financial Services in Memphis, and Marian Sykes Alexander, '74, an estate planning attorney with Lake Tindall in Greenville, were the featured presenters at the first-ever Planned Giving Seminar held in Memphis on November 14 at The Crescent Club. Delta State alumni and friends were taught how to increase their income stream, reduce taxes, and ensure the long-term financial future of Delta State by making a charitable gift to the University. Lancaster and Alexander are members of the newly formed Planned Giving Task Force, which is comprised of alumni and friends who can advocate the benefits of making planned gifts to Delta State.

Other members of the Task Force include: Dr. Kent Wyatt, and Arthur Johnston, co-chairs, Chris Burgess, Jeff Ross Capwell, Dean Hancock, James and Vivian Hannah, Ed Kossman, Frank Smith, and Dr. Patsy Thrash.

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Tommy Morlino (center), '71, discusses the details of the Planned Giving presentation with Lancaster (left) and Alexander (right). Morlino, a native of Leland, is Associate Vice-President for Morgan Keegan Company in Memphis.

Lancaster presents Steve Cwikiel (left) with a copy of the Planned Giving Powerpoint presentation. Cwikiel, '69, is the Senior Systems Auditor for Federal Express in Memphis. Copies of the presentation can be obtained by calling 662.846.4708 or e-mail your request to kfulcher@deltastate.edu.

Jeff Ross Capwell (right), '60, President of National Community Services, Inc. in Memphis and a member of the Planned Giving Task Force and of the Delta State Foundation Board, thanks Tommy Morlino for attending the seminar. Capwell was recently named the University's "2002 Outstanding Alumnus".

"Doc" Griffin Memorial Scholarship Endowment created

Griffin

In 1932, pursuing an education wasn't the problem for William. D. Griffin, the son of a sharecropper; financing was. He never forgot his struggle and to help others earn a college degree, "Doc" Griffin bequeathed Delta State University $258,000 for the W.D. "Doc" Griffin Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. "Doc" was a charter member of the University's planned giving club, *The Quadrangle Oak Society*.

After graduating from Cleveland High School in 1932, Griffin had at least one hurdle to cross before embarking on his higher education at Delta State Teachers College--payment. Being the son of a sharecropper, Griffin realized that the cost of a higher education would be a problem. His desire, however, inspired him to go straight to the top.

During a special meeting with then president, Dr. William Kethley, Griffin asked if he and his brothers could be admitted to Delta State. Griffin was upfront telling Kethley he had the desire, but funds were limited. Kethley replied, "I can't pay bills with desire, but if you join the National Guard and sign your $17 per month paycheck over to Delta State, I will let you matriculate." Griffin immediately signed up for the National Guard.

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Griffin graduated in 1937 and had successful careers in education, the military, and farming. He appreciated the life afforded by his education and wanted to help others. Prior to his death on September 15, 2001, Griffin made provisions in his estate to endow scholarships for needy and deserving students.

"We greatly appreciate the generosity of 'Doc' Griffin in offering this gift," said Dr. David Potter. "His gift will enhance our ability to attract talented students to our campus regardless of their economic circumstances. The success of these students at the University will be a worthy legacy for 'Doc'.

While at Delta State, Griffin was active in the Baptist Student Union and the Delta Singers. He was a four-year letterman in football, and was inducted into the Delta State Sports Hall of Fame in 1979. Griffin was a Communications Officer for the Bolivar County Civil Defense, a member of the Mississippi Region I Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, a scoutmaster for the Boys Scouts, member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Performers, member of Delta Council, and the American Legion.

As a charter member of the Yale Street Baptist Church in Cleveland, Griffin wrote religious music, including "The Farmer's Prayer", which has been released three times. Royalties from the first release bought the church a bus and proceeds from other songs have benefited St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis.

Award nominations sought

Nominations for the S.E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher Award and the H.L. Nowell Outstanding Support Staff Award are currently being accepted.

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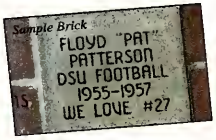

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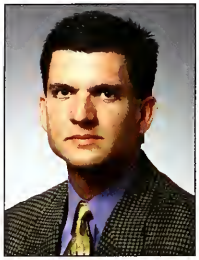
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Since coming to Delta State in 1998, Doug Pinkerton has worn many hats. He has served as Director of Recreation and Wellness, coordinating intramurals and facility scheduling for the university. In addition, he has served as an instructor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation department. Pinkerton recently added another "hat" when he accepted responsibility as head coach of the DSU Women's Cross-Country team.

An avid cross-country runner, Pinkerton competes in triathlons across the southeast. At Delta State, he is a member of the University's Athletic Committee, Director of the universitys chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletics, and a member of the DSU Aquatics Committee.

A Greenville native, Pinkerton and his wife, the former Lisa Stegall, have two children, Zack (8) and Hallie (3).

ABOVE: Twenty-four members of the 1982 Division II World Series team returned to campus for a reunion on September 28, 2002. Led by Coach "Boo" Ferriss, the team compiled a 41-19 record enroute to a NCAA South Central Region Championship and a third-place finish in the World Series in Riverdale, California. Players and their families were guests of the DSU Alumni Association at a noon luncheon and recognized with an on-field introduction at the Delta State-West Alabama football game.

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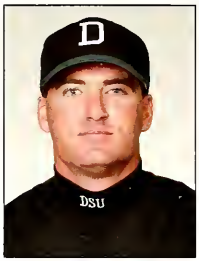

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The New Hope native has been with the Statesmen program since 1998 after spending one season with the Philadelphia Phillies organization. He served as a graduate assistant in 1998 and 1999 before moving to a part-time assistant position in 2000.

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'02 Alumni Coaches Hall of Fame inductees

Lloyd Clark, Troy Ricks and the late H.D. "Cotton" Robertson were inducted into the 2002 Coaches Hall of Fame.

Lloyd Clark ended a 28-year basketball-coaching career last season as the head women's basketball coach. Clark began his career at Warren Central High School where he posted a 245-42 record in a nine-year span. During the run, Clark guided WCHS to five trips to the State Tournament, seven district championships and five Little Dixie Conference championships. Clark took the helm at DSU in 1983 and continued his coaching success with the Lady Statesmen. Clark earned the NCAA national Championship three times, brought home nine Gulf South Conference championships, 16 appearances in the NCAA tournament and advancing to the Elite Eight and the Final Four 11 times. The Drew native ended his collegiate coaching career with an overall record of 494-156.

Troy Ricks was a veteran basketball coach of 25 years. He coached at Saltillo High School, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Raymond High School and Hinds Community College. Rick's teams made appearances in the MHSAA High School Playoffs 12 times in his career, while advancing to the state finals seven times. Ricks is credited with five basketball and one football state championships. Ricks has been inducted into the Mississippi Junior College Sports Hall of Fame, Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame, Copiah-Lincoln Sports Hall of Fame and the DSU Sports Hall of Fame and finished with a career record of 449-156.

H.D. "Cotton" Robertson is a 34-year coaching veteran, who made his name as the head coach at Durant High School for 20-years. Before his untimely death in 1996, Robertson coached at McAdams High School, St. Martin, in Union, Rolling Fork, Pearl, Morton, and Durant. Coach Robertson has two undefeated teams to his credit while at Rolling Fork in 1968-69. At Durant, Robertson's teams won three conference and eight division titles. While at the helm, Robertson guided Durant to a 33 game winning streak, while being named conference Coach of the Year four times. Robertson is also a member of the DSU Sports Hall of Fame and ended his career with a record of 230-123-8.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

Nominations are needed for DSU Coaches Hall of Fame and Sports Hall of Fame. Please send your letter of recommendation to: Bill Marchant, DSU Box B-2, Cleveland, Mississippi 38733

Ferriss honored by Red Sox

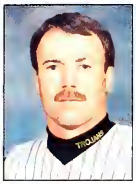
Dave "Boo" Ferriss was inducted into the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame on November 14, 2002. Pictured above are Ferriss and his wife, Miriam.

'03 Spring Sports Day activites announced

Dr. Wayne Lee, president of the Athletic Alumni Association, announces that April 12, 2003 will be Delta State University's "Spring Sports Day." The day's activities include the annual Athletic Alumni Golf Tournament, baseball doubleheader, softball doubleheader, and spring football action. Also scheduled is the annual Sports Hall of Fame Reception and Banquet featuring the induction of Rick Collier (baseball), Tedd Gilbert (swimming), Vickie Jackson (women's Basketball, Brad Teague (baseball), and Jimmy Adams (football). Also being inducted posthumously will be men's basketball player Jim Taylor. In addition, former baseball player Tim Harvey will be recognized as the university's "Distinguished Statesmen" for 2003.

Hester, Kinnison and Dillard recognized

New Hope High School Baseball Coach Stacy Hester ('81) and DSU Baseball Coach Mike Kinnison ('77) were honored at the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) national convention in San Diego, California, in January. Recognized as Region 6 High School Coach of the Year, Hester's New Hope teams have produced 369 wins and 84 losses and participated in the state play-offs during each of his eleven years at the school. In 1996, Hester was named Mississippi High School Coach of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Coaches and also was honored as the ABCA National High School Coach of the Year.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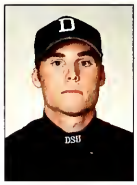
Dillard

Kinnison, whose DSU team produced back-to-back 50-win seasons, was recognized as the ABCA NCAA Division II South Central Region Coach of the Year. In addition, he was recognized by *The Clarion Ledger* as 2002 College Coach of the Year. Kinnison guided the Statesmen to a 50-8 record in 2002, a record that earned a second consecutive trip (eighth in school history) to the NCAA Division II World Series in Montgomery, Alabama.

DSU's Andy Dillard was named *The Clarion-Ledger* College Baseball Player of the Year in 2002. The junior third baseman from Saltillo earned first-team All America honors after recording a batting average of .425 with 13 home runs.

Bryce Griffis (front row, second from right), president of the Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees, and Dr. David Potter join friends and members of the softball team for groundbreaking of the new and expanded dressing room and box office facilities.

Jordan to retire in June

After 15 years as athletic director at Delta State, Dr. Jim Jordan has announced that he will retire June 30, 2003.

Since arrival in 1987, Dr. Jordan's mission centered in making Delta State a prominent force in NCAA Division II and Gulf South Conference (GSC). His efforts have resulted in the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen teams garnering a total of four National Championships and 27 western division and overall GSC Championships.

"We are sorry to see Jim leave the University," said Dr. David Potter. "His tenure as athletic director has been one of impressive accomplishments for our athletic program. His leadership has been an integral part of that success."

2003 Football Schedule

Sept. 13	MISS. VALLEY STATE
Sept. 20	VALDOSTA STATE*
Sept. 27	West Alabama
Oct. 4	West Georgia
Oct. 11	ARKANSAS TECH
Oct. 18	SOUTHERN ARKANSAS
Oct. 25	Henderson State
Nov. 1	HARDING**
Nov. 8	OUACHITA BAPTIST
Nov. 15	Arkansas-Monticello

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With the *Classes*

1966

Thomas E. Hill, of Grenada, has been elected president of the Mississippi Health Care Association.

1967

Charles H. Clemmons, of Ashland, Virginia, is the legislative assistant to Hon. James H. Dillard, Chairman of the House Education Committee.

Branch

1968

Virginia "Nell" B. Branch, of Goodman, is the assistant librarian at Holmes Community College.

Larry Therrell, of Brandon, has been inducted into the Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

Betty Moore, of Vicksburg, was honored by the River City Business and Professional Women.

Cascio

Bae Cascio is the assistant general manager for the Alluvian Hotel in Greenwood.

1970

Travis Tanner is the senior vice president, for sales and marketing for Alamo Rent A Car and National Car Rental in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Charlotte Gorman, of Cleburne, Texas, is currently extension agent in Family and Consumer Science with the Texas Cooperative Extension and has been selected for inclusion in the 2003 edition of Who's Who in America.

Gorman

Perkins

1972

Debbie Perkins, of Senatobia, was named 2002 Citizen of the Year for Tate County.

Barbara R. Jones, of Meridian, has been named 2002 Humanities Professor of the Year.

1973

Richard McDuffle of Nettleton, a physical therapy technician, has been selected as North Mississippi Medical Center's Most Valuable Employee for 2002.

Robert G. "Bob" Wilson, of DeKalb, was inducted into East Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

1974

Jimmy Free, of Ruleville, is the vice president of Computer Information and Technology at Mississippi Delta Community College.

Nathaniel Faiconnetue, of Bay Saint Louis, is the principal of The North Gulfport Seventh and Eighth Grade School.

1975

Jerry W. Bullock, of Cleveland, is city president of State Bank & Trust Company.

Adrienne C. Kussman is assistant vice president of Community Bank in Indianola.

Dr. Sharon Nelms Campbell, of Florence, Alabama, is the chair of the Department of Accounting and Business Law at the University of North Alabama.

Ishee

1976

Jimmy H. Ishee is the dean of the School of Health Sciences at Georgia College and State University, in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Regina Clibum Ginn, of Raymond, is the bureau director and educator licensure for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Richard E. Flowers is a principal project controls specialist for Fluor Daniel in Sugar Land, Texas.

Clay

Sonny Clay, of Tuttle, Oklahoma, completed a master of arts degree in Administration at Southern Nazarene University.

Sandy Meurrier has joined the faculty of Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia

as an instructor in Medical Office Technology.

1978

James E. Dunn, of Tunica, is president of the Tunica County Board of Supervisors.

1979

Steve Fleming, of Tupelo, is now the American Legion baseball chairman for the state of Mississippi, retiring from coaching the Tupelo 49ers American Legion Baseball Team after 18 successful years.

Scott W. Randall, of Hattiesburg, is president of Mississippi Telecommunications and Cable Association.

Dennis and Cynthia Box have opened a ceramic tile restoration business in Grapevine, Texas.

1980

William "Jeff" Cannon, of Pearl, was recently named Mississippi's 2003 Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Band Director and was selected 2003 DSU Music Alumnus of the Year.

Donald L. Green is serving on the Mississippi State Tax Commission Board, in Jackson.

Joel W. Tyler is the Senior Sales Representative for Vista III Media in Tupelo.

Waldron

Phyllis Frazier Waldron is a liberal arts instructor at the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, Arkansas.

1981

Dr. Ronald A. Braswell is assistant professor of ophthalmology and neurology director of the Neuro-Ophtholmology Service at the University of Medical Center in Jackson.

1982

Mike Bailey, of Maumelle, is the chairman of the science department at McClellan High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Celia A. Ryals is president of the Union Planters Bank in Cleveland.

Lydia M. Franklin, of Tunica, is the owner of Preventive Care Health Services.

Roy Martin, of Madison, won first place in the "Master/Male" category of the 2002 Delta State Triathlon.

1983

Michael D. Pyles was recently promoted to senior auditor at the military headquarters of the NATO alliance in Belgium.

1984

John A. Conrad, Jr., of Cleveland, was named sales and business development representative for the Central and East Mississippi regions for Key Solutions, Inc. and Document Imaging Solutions L.L.C.

1985

Mary Magdalene Abraham, of Greenwood, is the dean of academic instruction at Mississippi Delta Community College.

McLemore

Vince McLemore is the athletic director and head baseball coach at Meridian High School in Meridian.

Mike L. Moore is the mayor of Soso.

1986

Dr. Jeffery Andrews has joined the board of directors of Delta Southern Bank in Cleveland.

J. Victoria Jackson is director of human resources at Digital Consulting and Software Services in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1988

Valerie Peters is a United States probation officer in Oxford.

1989

William J. "Jake" Mitchell is general manager of Optus Telemation in Memphis, Tennessee.

Jerry Keever, of Anguilla, is the administrator at the Sharkey-Issaquena Community Hospital.

Mark Morse, of Memphis, is the Facility Assistant at Briarcrest Christian School.

Tana Pittman Vassel, of Clarksdale, is manager of the Clarksdale/Coahoma County Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation Economic Development.

1990

Ross Reily is the sports editor of *The Sun Herald* in Biloxi.

Beverly J. Fratesi, of Leland, was selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 2002-2003 Leadership Mississippi Program.

Lee D. Murphy was selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 2002-2003 Leadership Mississippi program in Grenada.

1991

John F. Fletcher is an associate with Watkins, Ludlam, Winter & Stennis in Jackson.

Kelly Smith Street is the owner of Elegant Touch Interiors in Indianola.

Toney

Darrin R. Toney is the assistant general counsel at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio.

Richard S. Myers, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee, recently joined Stites & Harbison law firm.

Mandy C. Morse, of Memphis, is a Special Needs Coordinator at Christ United Methodist Church, and a parent advisor for Tennessee Infant Parent Services (TIPS) for Shelby County.

1992

Dr. William Doty Farmer is a medical and surgical ophthalmologist with Rayner Eye Clinic in Oxford.

Ozden Karakurt is the marketing manager for the Aftermarket Division of York International in Norman, Oklahoma.

David E. Holman, of Bay St. Louis, is the president of Charter Mortgage, LLC.

Robin Carruth, of Tupelo, was selected Teacher of the Year at Lawhon Elementary School for 2001-2002.

1993

Ricky Smither is the offensive line coach, strength coach, and an instructor in physical education at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena.

Crigler

Dr. Sammie M. Crigler, of Moorhead, is the director of instruction from the Indianola School District and is serving on 2002-2003 Harvard University Principals' Center Board.

Andy Lee is the assistant vice president of loans at Merchants & Farmers Bank in Cleveland.

Williamson

1994

Jackie L. Williamson of Jackson, is the head football coach at Terry High School.

Dr. Reese "Bo" Lindsey has joined Family Medical Clinic in Cleveland.

Tracy C. Herring, of Indianola, is a counselor at Mississippi Delta Community College.

Steven Todd Thaxton is the master chef and culinary technician with LA BOVARE in Snellville, Georgia.

1995

Robert L. Robinson is the coordinator of continuing education at Delta State.

Tanya Wells is the business manager of the *Greenwood Commonwealth* newspaper.

James Harvey Lipscomb, IV, of Greenville, was selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 2002-2003 Leadership Mississippi Program.

1996

Jeff Grimsley is the assistant controller for Central Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Aoa

Michael K. Aoa is the director of student activities at Brewton Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia.

John Cox, of Cleveland, was selected to participate in the Mississippi Economic Council's 2002-2003 Leadership Mississippi Program.

Cora Jackson, of Shaw, served on the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists from 1997 until 2002.

1997

Elizabeth (Beth) Eure Robinson, of Terry, is an elementary art teacher at Hillcrest Christian School.

Wilson Langston is an insurance agent with Kemmons Wilson in Memphis, Tennessee.

Eric Davis, of Water Valley, is a realtor with Market Realty.

John Wise is vice president of Trustmark National Bank in Jackson.

1998

Farrah Dennis Cox, of Brandon, is a real estate agent with Century 21 Moselle & Associates.

Walter Anthony "Tony" Cox is an environmental analyst senior with Environmental Quality in Jackson.

Stacy Harrison, of Southaven, is a speech language pathologist for Project RUN in Hernando.

1999

Bobbie Jo Simpson graduated from Mississippi College School of Law and is serving as a judicial clerk on the Mississippi Supreme Court in Jackson.

Jonathan L. Troyka, of Sumner, is a grants/special initiative director for Delta Regional Authority.

John Holcombe is a social studies and physical education teacher at Central Delta Academy in Inverness.

Clay Fuller is the band director at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead.

Chad Huff is an assistant football coach and teacher for Indianola Academy.

Dr. Jacqueline Beasley is the vice president of human resources at MINACT, Inc in Jackson.

Chuck Herring, of Indianola, is the director of The Small Business Center at Mississippi Delta Community College.

Emily Erwin is the archives collection manager at the Atlanta History Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Fracchia

Fonda Fracchia, of Memphis, is the Fitness Director at the Memphis Country Club.

Glenda Powell, of Durant, received the 2002 Woman of Achievement award from the Business and Professional Women's Club.

2000

Robbye Elizabeth "Betsy" Griffin received her master's degree in speech pathology from the University of Mississippi and is working for Mid-South Rehab in Senatobia.

Springfield

Jessica Rose Springfield, of Ridgeland, is an agency support specialist for Trustmark.

Mary Ann Davis is a bank teller for BankPlus in Belzoni.

Stephen Marshal Fleming. Jr. is a correctional officer with the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Yazoo City.

Christopher Carter is the activities coordinator at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia.

2001

Brian Rea, of Madison, is the assistant baseball coach at Ridgeland High School.

Tamara Canty is a child life specialist with LeBonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Elizabeth P. Haire is a registered nurse for Torrance Memorial Medical Center in Torrance, California.

Cortney Lancaster, of Bolton, is director of site development and marketing with the Discover Our Town executive staff.

Stephen Kaminski is at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas going through air force pilot training.

2002

Jared VanLandingham is working in the computer department for Gresham Petroleum in Greenville.

Jim Walker is a CSR with Boyles, Moak, Brickell, and Marchetti Insurance in Jackson.

With the *Classes*

Matthew Bellipanni is with Heartland Catfish in Itta Bena, as a quality control assistant.

Josh Edwards is an RN/Paramedic at King's Daughters Hospital in Greenville.

Adelette Pienaar is with Federal Express as an exercise specialist in Memphis, Tennessee.

Teresa Anderson is the account executive of Quality Building Maintenance in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Elijah Ben is a music teacher for both Conehatta Elementary and Choctaw Central Middle School in Philadelphia.

George W. Boston, III is at Staplcotn in Greenwood as an export document specialist.

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Wedding *Bells* 2002

Shelly Renee Smith to **Christopher Richard Hubbard** on July 13.

Ashley Marie Albritton '00 to **Brian Neal Rea** on July 27.

JoAnn Elizabeth Mansfield '02 to Darren Broadway, Jr. on July 13.

Sandra Lynn Lightsey '01 to **Joshua Kenneth Bright '02** on July 20.

Chequita Williams to **Jerrell Roberson '97** on July 20.

Christie Michelle Landry to **James Vance "Van" Cooper '96** on April 30.

Alicia Allison Avritt '00 to **Luigi Renaldo Faccini McMinn '00** on August 10.

Brooke Marie Allen to **James Marvin Chandler '97** on April 27.

Shane Finlay Flautt '88 to Henri Clinton de La Chapelle, Jr. on May 4.

Shalonda Roshea Hunt to **Dexter Kennard Bryant '95** on July 27.

Amy Rena Green '02 to **Frank Leavell Whittington '02** on August 10.

Emily Blair Dungan to **Christopher Ryan Akers '97** on August 3.

Bobbie Jo McCreary '99 to Glynne Collier Simpson on February 8.

Dudley Myers Burke '00 to **John Holt Couey '99** on August 31.

Margaret Sandifer '89 to Clay Blasingame on June 29.

Christen Michell Aguzzi '00 to **James "Justin" Davis '01** on November 8.

Margarita S. Carter '95 to Dr. Leonard Niewald on August 9.

Barbara Bryan to **Leslie B. Taylor '90** on August 8.

Jo Ann Myers '81 to Fulwood Asbury Smith, Jr. on October 19.

Stephanie Dill '01 to **William Stanley Weather, Jr. '00** on October 19.

Amy Lauren Byrd to **Michael Shawn Spencer '95** on October 5.

Lauren Ann Lewis '01 to Mitchell Dean Lewis on June 1.

Katie Elaine Sykes to **Norman Lee Crenshaw ' 98** on October 26.

Caroline Kathryn Haltom '99 to George Thomas Gordon, Jr. on November 2.

Juana C. Dozier to **Noel Forrest Hopper '98** on September 28.

Gabrielle Doody to **Thomas A. Beard '85** on November 9.

Danielle Anderson Cox '01 to John Kittrel Ginn on October 26.

Carla Lyn Sewell '01 to **Arion Clint Newsom '00** on October 19.

Kelly Victoria Ferrell '97 to Lee McIlwain on October 5.

DeShonnon "Shaunta" Hunt '00 to Anthony Robinson on October 12.

ShaReda Dawn Nance '96 to Edward Earl Coleman on November 23.

Tiffanie Nichole Roncali '01 to Clinton Wade Russell on November 16.

Audra "Michelle" Pittman '99 to **Richard Ray Cox '99** on June 23.

Wedding Bells 2002

Kelly Dawn Davis '96 to John Blake Cress on October 12.

Veronica Guadiana to **Allen William Vowell '94** on November 23.

Carolyn Ann Schmidt to **William Dungan Evans '92** on December 6.

Jennifer "Jenna" Elizabeth Deason to Erik Wolfgang Neumann on December 28.

Shannon Olivia Dixon to **David Edward Taylor, Jr. '00** on October 19.

Natali Gurien Tolbert to **Andrew Michael Hill '01** on August 10.

Stephanie Davis Smith '95 to Edwin Grover Egger, Jr. on September 21.

Melanie Diane Blansett '00 to **Edward Neal Hebert, II** on October 12.

Holly Suzanne Goodson '96 to **Lonnie Edwin Davis** on September 28.

Lucille Reece '89 to Haze Brown, III on October 19.

Carol Clark to **James Leslie Shanks, Jr.** on October 12.

Mary Lee Lewis to David Kam on September 14.

Peggy Lyndsay Fuller to **Franklin Hood** on October 13.

Lesley Jean Sprayberry to Scott Crawford Cannada on November 9.

Amber Dawn Marshall '02 to **Charles David Cesare, Jr. '01** on December 21.

Gina Louise Garrison '00 to John Glen Caldwell on December 28.

Heidi Leigh Jensen '00 to Garry Steven Makamson, Jr. on December 28.

Tanya Paige Taylor '92 to Jack Anderson Taylor, Jr. on December 21.

Margaret Claire Jenkins '00 to Jeremy Dale Hawk on December 21.

Memorie Shea McCreary '02 to **William Blaine Finnie '00** on December 21.

Emily Chase '99 to Wilson Speck on December 28.

Emily Ann McQuary to Clayton Scott Cooper on November 2.

Alice A. Davis '84 to Barry J. Biggers on September 28.

Leslie T. Townsend '87 to Richard Alan Greene on October 12.

Emily Anne Nobile to **Stephen Boyd Germany '90** on November 16.

Elizabeth Ann Johnson to **Joe Hutton Milano '93** on July 27.

Mary Ellen McBride to **Alvin Lamar Jobe '89** on October 5.

All weddings in 2002 unless otherwise indicated.

In Memoriam

Polly Williams Groner, 1954, on July 22.
William P. Randle, Sr., 1956, on August 25.
William Godfrey Campbell, 1958, on August 7.
Elizabeth Gardner Power, 1946, on August 23.
Creola Mitchell George, 1939, on September 14.
Helen Mary Hennessy, 1982, on July 12.
Mark E. Smith, 1939, on June 30.
Evelyn Conger Flint, 1938, on June 14.
Nancy Gordon Lutrick, 1976, on October 7, 2001.
Samuel Ferdinand Dribben, 1933, on May 19.
Billy G. Mitchell, 1958, on January 7.
Marion Taylor "Tick" Tatum, 1950, on May 18.
Dr. Dorothy Alyne Rice, 1929, on October 20.
Dr. Marguerite Zeigel Hedberg, 1928, on August 27.
Robert H. "Bob" McMaster, 1974, on September 13.
Martha Francis Bullock, 1933, on October 5.
Ricky H. Gray, 1974, on September 28.
Bobby Tom Outlaw, 1958, on July 13.
Everette Verhine, 1961, on November 3.
Miriam Steen Skardon, 1941, on September 15.
Terri Michelle Ault, 1982, on November 16.
Rebecca Bailey Davidson, 1949, on November 9.
Paul Byron Pressgrove, 1978, on October 8.
Robert C. Lyles, 1931, on December 2.
Selena Burke, retired DSU staff, on September 19.
Eunice McIntosh Kenney, retired DSU staff, on September 21.
Robert Green, Sr., retired DSU faculty, on October 30.

Baby Statesmen

Davis Alan to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Pool **(Allison Nicole Kimbrell '96)** on January 24.

Abigail Aileen to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Furness **(Karri Rebecca Furness '97)** on May 2.

David Dennis to **Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony (Tony) Cox '98 (Farrah Lauri Dennis '98)** on June 2.

Michael Pate to Mr. and Dr. Mike Lee **(Robin Wilbourn '90)** on March 21.

Mary-Hays to **Mr. and Mrs. Sammie E. Bell '73 (Beth Smith '97)** on June 24.

Reese Brian to **Mr. and Mrs. Brian Myres '98 (April Clark '00)** on May 15.

Mary Ellis to Dr. and **Mrs. Lee Baker '89** on July 19.

Katy Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mahaffey **(Jill Fletcher '96)** on July 11.

Ambree Kristiana to **Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Robinson '95 (LaTonya Melba Scott '95)** on January 29.

Layton Robert to Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Turner **(Amy Darlene Bullard '94)** on July 25.

Wesley Dean to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cook **(Anna Marie Shields '93)** on June 25.

Streater Hogan to Mr. and Mrs. **Warren Mitchell Costilow '92** on March 15.

Nicholas to Mr. and Mrs. **Joel W. Tyler, Jr. '80** on December 20, 2001.

Grice Ostin to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fortenberry **(Candace Collins '91)** on October 13, 2001.

Jackson Dalton to Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Dollar **(Jodie Arlin Baker '01)** on August 20.

Molly McCoy to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Alan Jenkins **(Carmen Meri McCoy '01)** on February 12.

Haley Gail to **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Marshal Fleming, Jr. '00 (Brandi Gail Cox '00)** on September 17.

William Carl to **Mr. and Mrs. William Carl Wixon, Jr. '98 (Amanda Marie"Mandi" Foster '99)** on July 9.

Sidney Cate to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Askins **(Kim Ivey '87)** on May 30.

Cooper William to Mr. and Mrs. **Tim Clarke '92** on October 1.

William Robertson to Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Lewis **(Jana Hathcock '00)** on July 11.

Jacob William to **Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Glenn Grimsley '96 (Shannon Denise Smillie '96)** on September 23.

William Briggs to Mr. and Mrs. Ricky J. Fontenot **(Angela Dionn Belk '93)** on March 7.

Kimberly Madison to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jenkins **(Leslie Lynn McKiernon '93)** on August 12.

Jackson Dalton to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph "Dustin" Dollar **(Jodie Arlin Baker '01)** on August 20.

Jonathan Maurice to **Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Maurice Burgess '96 (MarShell Willard '96)** on March 13.

Jacob "Jake" Thomas to Mr. and Mrs. **Jason T. Ware '98** on June 13.

Spencer Alexander to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Carl Bass **(Jennifer Lane Estes '93)** on January 2.

Ethan Bailey to **Mr. and Mrs. Marty L. Ryle '80 (Georgia Christine White '88)** on June 28.

Makenley Allain to Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Griffin **(Jan Burnett '00)** on October 19.

Carson Reid to **Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Suber '93 (Amanda Anne Toole '93)** on September 25.

Creel

Jack Ryan to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kelly **(Jennifer Flanagan '95)** on November 8.

Jillian Kade, daughter of **Alisha Jones-Creel '97 & '98** of Vicksburg,

Paxton, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dorch '92 (Dee Skelton '91)** of Villa Rica, Geogia

All births in 2002 unless otherwise indicated.

DSU remembers B.F. Smith

B.F. Smith, long-time chief executive officer of Delta Council, died January 12, 2003 at his home in Leland after a lengthy illness.

Smith was named executive vice president of Delta Council in 1948, and served as the CEO of the Stoneville-based regional economic development and farm organization until 1982.

Smith became recognized throughout Mississippi and the nation for his impact on higher education, health care, flood control, highway developments, and national politics affecting agriculture.

In 1939, Delta State graduate Smith was instrumental in the organization of the DSU Foundation, serving as its initial president. Smith also served the University as president of its Inter-Alumni Council and Alumni Association. In 1964, he was recognized as Delta State's "Outstanding Alumnus."

Alumni Spotlight: Curtis Buchanan

Curtis Buchanan, a native of Indianola, graduated from Indianola High School in 1962, earned an associate arts degree from Mississippi Delta Community College, and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Delta State in 1966. Curtis later obtained his master's in business administration from Mississippi State University.

A member of First Baptist Church, Curtis currently serves as a deacon and church treasurer. He has taught Sunday school almost continuously since 1970, and has served as chairman of the deacons and finance committee.

Curtis married his first grade sweetheart, the former Kaye Corder of Indianola, in 1965, and they moved to Greenville. In 1972, he began his career in banking as executive vice president of First Savings and Loan Association. In 1982, he became regional vice president with First South Production Credit Association, and four years later he became the commercial loan administrator with AmSouth Bank. Today he serves as president of the AmSouth Bank in Greenville, a position he has held since 1988.

Curtis was instrumental in the development of the Greenville Higher Education Center and serves as chairman of the advisory council of the facility. He also serves as a director of the Delta Area Health Education Center.

Curtis has many civic duties and responsibilities. He is a member, and past president, of the Greenville Rotary Club, and is an active member of the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as president of the United Way and of the Hodding Carter YMCA. Curtis has served on the board of directors of the Salvation Army, Delta Council, and the DSU Foundation. In 2002, Curtis was crowned King of the Junior Auxiliary Ball in Greenville.

Nomination letters for Delta State's "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" for 2003 can be sent to: Missy Pearce, Director of Alumni Affairs, Box 3104, Cleveland, MS 38732, or email to mpearce@deltastate.edu Dealine for nominations is May 15, 2003.

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Alumni Update

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Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Graduation Year _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address _____

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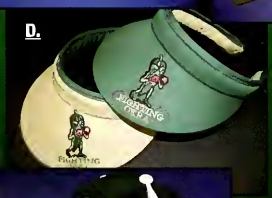

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Rosalie Vetrano Bucy of Saltillo (left) and Rev. Alton Wasson of Kosciusko, both members of the Class of 1932, at Homecoming 2002.

Bob Billingsly, 1983, of Laurel (left), the Southeast Alumni Chapter outgoing president, Pat Chambless, 1969, of Hattiesburg, the Service Award recipient, and Chris Shivers, 1994, of Hattiesburg, the incoming president.

Jerry Sullivan, 1961, of Atlanta (left), Dr. Kent Wyatt, 1956 & President Emeritus, of Cleveland, and Doug Sullivan, 1959, of Brookhaven share good times at the "M"Club Reunion.

Dr. David Potter (right) visits with A.C. Dalton of the Class of 1950 at Homecoming.

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY REUNIONS AND ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETINGS

Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss speaks where the Greater Memphis Area Alumni Chapter honored him.

Members of the Golden Circle group met on Friday, October 25, 2002 for their annual dinner.

of Eads, Tennessee, outgoing president
rea Alumni Chapter visits with DSU
kelton and Mr. John Quon.

Eddie Davenport, 1963, Fort Walton Beach Fla. (left) Ned Mitchell, 1962, of Cleveland, and Bob Bain, 1966, of Raymond, visit at the "M" Club reunion.

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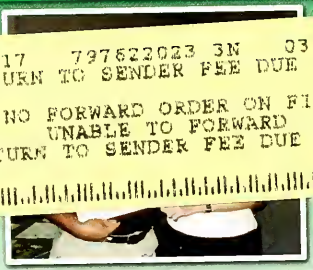

Ted Poore, 1980, of Madison, the outgoing president of the Greater Jackson Area Alumni Chapter receives the Service Award from Mandy Gardner, 1999, of Brandon, the incoming president.

There was a large turn out for the Jackson Alumni Meeting held at t
Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

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